

Regulatory Language

Section 5.80, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§5.80. White Sturgeon.

(a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under special regulations.

(b) Daily bag limit: One.

(c) Size limit: No fish less than 46 inches total length or greater than ~~72~~ 56 inches total length may be taken or possessed.

(d) Methods of take: The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth. No sturgeon may be taken by trolling, snagging or by the use of firearms. Sturgeon may not be gaffed, nor shall any person use any type of firearm to assist in landing or killing any sturgeon.

(e) Special North Coast District Sturgeon Closure (Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity and Siskiyou cos.). It is unlawful to take any sturgeon in the North Coast District at any time.

(f) For regulations on take and possession of white sturgeon in ocean waters, including waters of the San Francisco Bay District, see Sections 27.90 and 27.95.

NOTE:

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, ~~and 220~~ and 240, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.

Section 5.81, Title 14, CCR, is added to read:

§5.81. Green Sturgeon.

(a) Bag limit: Zero.

NOTE:

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 220 and 240, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.

Section 27.60, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§27.60. Limit.

(a) General. No more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species, may be taken or possessed by any one person except as otherwise provided or as defined in subsection (e) below or in Section 195. (See Sections 27.70 through 28.62 for minimum size limits and poundage restrictions for certain species.)

(b) Within the overall bag limit of 20 fish with not more than 10 of any one species, the following special limits apply:

(1) Federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91) and species associated with federal groundfish (limited to greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish):

(A) Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex), as defined in subsection 1.91(b) — 10 fish in total (also see Sections 27.82, 28.28, 28.29 and 28.55). Within the 10-fish RCG complex limit, the following sub-limits also apply: cabezon — one fish, greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* — one fish, bocaccio — one fish, except in the Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area (as defined in subsection 27.82(a)) where the sub-limit is two fish, canary rockfish — zero fish, cowcod — zero fish, and yelloweye rockfish — zero fish.

(B) For species of federal groundfish that are not part of the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, see subsection (a)(1)(A) above), the following special limits apply: California scorpionfish — five fish (see Sections 27.82 and 28.54), leopard shark — three fish (see Section 28.56), lingcod — two fish (see Sections 27.82 and 28.27), and soupfin shark — one fish. See subsection (d) below for federal groundfish species with no limits.

(C) For species associated with federal groundfish that are not part of the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, see subsection (a)(1)(A) above), the following special limits apply: California sheephead — five fish (see Section 28.26).

(D) Bag and possession limits for all species of federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91, including rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, and California scorpionfish), greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.82(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 days in advance of a change to daily bag limits for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.82(e). Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(2) For species other than federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91) and species associated with federal groundfish (limited to greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish), within the overall bag limit of 20 fish, the following special limits apply:

<i>Zero fish (Prohibited)</i>	<i>One fish</i>	<i>Two fish</i>	<i>Three Fish</i>	<i>Five Fish</i>
giant (black) sea bass (except as provided in Section 28.10)	<u>white</u> sturgeon (see Section 27.90)	salmon (except as provided in Section 27.80)	trout taken from ocean and bays (see Section 27.70)	surfperch--five fish in the aggregate of all species, except for shiner surfperch under 27.60(c) below
Garibaldi (see Section 28.05)	Pacific halibut (see Section 28.20)	striped bass (see Section 27.85)	white seabass (except as provided in Section 28.35)	California halibut (except as provided in Section 28.15)
gulf grouper (see Section 28.12)	marlin (see Section 28.50)	broadbill swordfish (see Section 28.40)		
broomtail grouper (see Section 28.12)	sevengill shark	blue shark		
white shark (see Section 28.06)	sixgill shark	thresher shark		
<u>green sturgeon</u> (see Section 27.92)		shortfin mako shark		

(c) In addition to the overall bag limit of 20 fish, and special limits in subsection (b), the following special limits apply: Shiner surfperch-20.

(d) There is no limit on the following species: Albacore, anchovy, bluefin tuna, grunion, jacksmelt, topsmelt, Pacific butterfish (pompano), queenfish, sanddabs, skipjack, jack mackerel, Pacific mackerel, Pacific staghorn sculpin, round herring, Pacific herring and Pacific sardine.

There is no limit on the following species of federal groundfish: petrale sole, Pacific sanddab, and starry flounder.

(e) Boat limit. When two or more persons that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District, defined in Section 27.00, are angling for finfish aboard a vessel in these waters, fishing by all authorized persons aboard may continue until boat limits of those finfish identified under subsections (a) through (c) above are taken and possessed aboard the vessel as authorized under this section or Section 195, Title 14, CCR.

(1) The authorization for boat limits aboard a vessel does not apply to fishing trips originating in California where fish are taken in other jurisdictions.

(2) A boat limit for a species or species group identified in subsections (a) through (c) above is the number of persons aboard a vessel that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California, or in waters of the San Francisco Bay District, (see special conditions of Section 195, Title 14, CCR, applicable to operator and crew members of vessels licensed pursuant to Fish and Game Code 7920.) multiplied by the individual daily bag limit authorized for a species or species group in those waters. With the exception of species listed in subsection (d) above, the total fish aboard a boat may not exceed the aggregate per-person daily bag limit of 20-finish in combination of all species times the number of anglers licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish aboard the vessel. It is unlawful to exceed the boat limit at any time.

(3) All persons aboard a vessel may be cited where violations involving boat limits are found, including, but not limited to the following violations:

- (A) Over limits
- (B) Possession of prohibited species
- (C) Violation of size limits
- (D) Fish taken out of season or in closed areas.

(4) Upon completion of a fishing trip aboard a vessel, each licensed angler or person otherwise authorized to sport fish may not possess more than the individual daily bag and possession limits defined in Section 1.17, Title 14, CCR and in subsections (a) through (c) above. For purposes of this section, a trip is completed at the time a person disembarks from a vessel and individual possession limits apply. Special boat limit provisions apply to persons fishing aboard commercial passenger fishing vessels reporting pursuant to Section 195, Title 14, CCR.

(5) Species or species groups for which no daily bag limit exists under subsection (d) above are not counted as part of a boat limit.

NOTE:

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 240, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 205, 210, 7071 and 7120, Fish and Game Code.

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§27.90. White Sturgeon.

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(d) Methods of take: The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth. No sturgeon may be taken by trolling, snagging or by the use of firearms. Sturgeon may not be gaffed, nor shall any person use any type of firearm to assist in landing or killing any sturgeon.

(e) For regulations on take and possession of white and green sturgeon in inland waters, see Section 5.80 and Section 5.81.

NOTE:

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, ~~and 220~~ and 240, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.

Section 27.92, Title 14, CCR, is added to read:

§27.92. Green Sturgeon.

(a) Bag limit: Zero.

NOTE:

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 220 and 240, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.

Section 27.95, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§27.95. Sturgeon Closure.

Green and white Sturgeon ~~sturgeon~~ may not be taken in the following described area between January 1 and March 15: That portion of San Francisco Bay included within the following boundaries: A direct line between Pt. Chauncy (National Marine Fisheries Laboratory) and Pt. Richmond, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and a direct line between Pt. Lobos and Pt. Bonita.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 210, 219, ~~and 220~~ and 240, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200-202, 203.1, 205-210 and 215-222, Fish and Game Code.